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PREFACE.

If, on examination, the book here presented to the public should be thought to possess merit sufficient to justify its introduction into the common schools, the hopes rather than the expectations of the compiler will be realized. It is not intended to supplant any other book now used in schools, nor can it be condemned as an intruder on the office performed by any of the numerous excellent works in the various branches of common education. Its contents are drawn entirely from the Bible; and its object must be apparent at a single glance.

It will be perceived that each lesson consists of three principal divisions.

The first is a selection of short sentences of a didactic character, selected chiefly from the Book of Proverbs, each calculated to impress on the mind some important moral truth. These are to be read by the instructer, or by an advanced scholar appointed by the instructer.

The second division is a selection from the Book of Psalms, arranged in a suitable manner to be read by the instructer, or one, whom he may appoint to perform that office, and the pupils. The portion assigned to the pupils is *generally* a response in sentiment, as well as in form, to that, which is read by the person, who leads in the service.

The third division is selected chiefly from the Gospels, and embraces a complete narrative of the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of the Founder of the Christian religion, with as copious extracts from his discourses and conversations as the limits of the book would admit. This portion is also to be read by the instructer, or some one under his direction.

The Lord's Prayer is then to be recited by all the pupils in concert, following the instructer.

No other form of prayer has been introduced, because, in

the judgement of the compiler, this is sufficient; but, if any teacher who may use the book, should think otherwise, he can introduce any other, extempore or otherwise, that may seem to him to be more appropriate.

In many of the towns in New England, — probably in most of them, — the instructers of the common schools are required to open them every morning with a devotional service, — a prayer, or the reading of a portion of the Scriptures. To what extent this requirement is observed, is not known; but, within the limited experience of the compiler, its observance is neither regular nor extensive. Many of the instructers are young, and many, also, are females, who, not having been accustomed to such an exercise, feel an awkwardness in attempting it, which is difficult to be overcome. It is obvious, too, that while the instructer is engaged in prayer, the pupils are not subject to his immediate supervision: their eyes and their thoughts are frequently diverted from the act of devotion, and it is not unreasonable to suppose, that some may treat it with levity or disregard.

This book offers a remedy for both of these difficulties. The teacher, who may use it, will be relieved from any embarrassment, that might arise from the attempted performance of extemporaneous prayer; and the pupils generally will be sufficiently interested in the exercise, to give to it a serious and respectful attention. It will be perceived, also, that the book may, if deemed necessary, be used without the participation of the teacher, and that, if the reading of the leading portion of the exercise should be performed by an advanced pupil, the teacher may, in the mean time, see that proper decorum is observed.

The language of the common translation of the Bible has been conscientiously followed. In a few instances, at the beginning of the narrative portion of the lessons, the name of Jesus is used instead of the pronoun *he*. Twice, the relative pronoun *which* is inserted where it was wanting in the text. In Lesson XXII. the word *himself* is substituted for a phrase less agreeable to the ear. It is believed, that there are no other variations from the common version; but if any should be detected, they are the consequence of inadvertence in transcribing. The grammatical construction of many sen-

tences might have been improved, and the language might have been frequently varied to correspond with modern usage, without injury to the sense; but it has been chosen rather to follow, implicitly, the common version, than to incur the censure of the most scrupulous believer.

It will be perceived, and, perhaps, with disapprobation, that none of the selections in this book are from the Gospel of John, and it is proper that the reason for the omission should be given. Copious extracts from that Gospel were selected, and would have been inserted in their appropriate places, had it not been found, in the progress of the printing, that the book would thereby be swelled to a size, — and, consequently, to an expense, — beyond what the circumstances of the compiler would justify. The publication is an experiment. If it receive enough of public approbation to warrant a second edition, that edition will be enlarged by the introduction of ten or twelve lessons, which will embrace all the most striking passages from John's Gospel, and some other appropriate portions of Scripture..

Should the book be deemed entirely superfluous in respect to the peculiar object, for which it has been compiled, it may possibly meet with favor from some, into whose hands it may fall, from other considerations. For reasons, which it is unnecessary here to recite, the Bible is now excluded from many of the schools, and has become almost a sealed volume to the younger classes of society. This compilation contains nothing, which can offend the most scrupulous delicacy, — nothing, it is presumed, that will render it obnoxious to the censure of an age of refinement. If not needed to assist in a devotional exercise, it may, without impropriety, be used as a class-book. If, in either case, it should create in the youthful mind a taste for the simple, the beautiful, the energetic attributes of the English language, and inspire a sentiment of reverence for the volume, which must ever be esteemed sacred, as the foundation of virtue and piety here, and the only sure conductor to eternal life, the time and labor, which its preparation has cost, will not have been spent in vain.

J. T. B.

July 1, 1842.

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TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In the fulfillment of a suggestion in the Preface, the compiler has added to this edition ten new exercises, embracing as many extracts from the Gospel of St. John, as could be introduced without incurring an expense, which would render an addition to the price of the book indispensable. These extracts consist chiefly of incidents and discourses not recorded by the other evangelists.

In compliance with the advice of friends, and the request of instructers, Hymns have been added to the Exercises. By adopting a smaller type, these have been inserted without increasing the number of pages. Since singing has become, in many places, a part of public instruction, and is generally practised in public schools, it is hoped that the introduction of sacred poetry, suitable for that exercise, will add something to the value of the book.

In the belief that this humble offering to the cause of popular education will not be altogether worthless, it is again submitted to the public; but should the compiler's expectation be disappointed, it is hoped that good intention will be a sufficient apology for the presumption.

June 12, 1844.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

I.

THE fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. If sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

¶

Teacher. Give ear unto my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Pupils. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for unto thee will I pray.

T. I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

P. I laid me down and slept: I awaked, for the Lord sustained me.

T. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord:

P. In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

T. For thou art not a God, that hath pleasure in wickedness:

P. Neither shall evil dwell with thee.

T. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:

P. Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

T. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness:

P. Make thy way straight before my face.

T. Let all those, that put their trust in thee, rejoice:

P. Let them, also, that love thy name, be joyful in thee.

T. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous:

P. With favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

It came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed; and all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed, with Mary his wife: and while they were there, she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were, in the same country, shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon

them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and, on earth, peace, good-will towards men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go to Bethlehem, and see this thing, which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they went, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying, which was told them, concerning this child; and all they, that heard it, wondered at those things, which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things, that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

O God! how endless is thy love!
  Thy gifts are every evening new;
And morning mercies, from above,
  Gently distill, like early dew.

Thou spread'st the curtains of the night,
  Great Guardian of our sleeping hours:
Thy sovereign word restores the light,
  And quickens all our drowsy powers.

We yield our powers to thy command;
  To thee we consecrate our days:
Perpetual blessings, from thy hand,
  Demand perpetual songs of praise.

¶

Lord! in the morning, thou shalt hear
  My voice ascending high;
To thee will I direct my prayer,
  To thee lift up mine eye.

O may thy Spirit guide my feet
  In ways of truth and grace;
Make every path of duty straight,
  And plain before my face.

II.

My son, forget not my law, but let thy heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add unto thee.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil. Despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction: For, whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth, even as a father the son, in whom he delighteth.

¶

Teacher. Hear me, when I call, O God of my righteousness:

Pupils. Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

T. O Lord, deliver my soul:

P. O save me for thy mercy's sake.

T. For in death there is no remembrance of thee:

P. In the grave, who shall give thee thanks?

T. O Lord, my God, in thee do I put my trust:

P. Save me from all them, that persecute me.

T. God judgeth the righteous:

P. God is angry with the wicked every day.

T. I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness:

P. And will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

T. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

P. Out of the mouth of babes thou hast ordained strength.

T. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,

P. The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained:

T. What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

P. And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

T. For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels:

P. Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor.

T. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands:

P. Thou hast put all things under his feet.

T. & *P.* O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

¶

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of Herod, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he, that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him.

When Herod heard these things, he was troubled. And when he had called the wise men, he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go, and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed, and lo! the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they were come into the house, they saw the child and Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts. And, being warned of God, that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And Joseph took the child and his mother, by night, and departed into Egypt.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent and slew all the children, that were in Bethlehem, of two years old and under. But when Herod was dead, Joseph took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel, and dwelt in a city called Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

Sons of men, behold from far;
Hail the long-expected star!
Star of truth, that gilds the night,
And guides bewildered men aright.

Mild it shines on all beneath,
Piercing through the shades of death,
Scattering error's wide-spread night,
Kindling darkness into light.

Nations all, remote and near,
Haste to see your Lord appear;
Haste, for him your hearts prepare;
Meet him manifested there.

There behold the day-spring rise,
Pouring light on mortal eyes;
See it chase the shades away,
Shining to the perfect day!

¶

All earthly charms, however dear,
Howe'er they please the eye or ear,
  Will quickly fade and fly;
Of earthly glory faint the blaze,
And soon the transitory rays
  In endless darkness die.

The nobler beauties of the just
Shall never moulder in the dust,
  Or know a sad decay;
Their honors time and death defy,
And round the throne of heaven on high
  Beam everlasting day.

III.

Happy is the man, that findeth wisdom, and the man, that getteth understanding: for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things, thou canst desire, are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them, that lay hold upon her; and happy is every one, that retaineth her.

¶

Teacher. I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart:

Pupils. I will show forth thy marvelous works.

T. I will be glad and rejoice in thee:

P. I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

T. The Lord shall endure for ever:

P. He hath prepared his throne for judgement.

T. He shall judge the world in righteousness:

P. He shall minister judgement to the people in uprightness.

T. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed:

P. A refuge in times of trouble.

T. And they, that know thy name, will put their trust in thee:

P. For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them, that seek thee.

T. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwelleth in Zion:

P. Declare among the people his doings.

T. The Lord is known by the judgement, which he executeth:

P. The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

T. The needy shall not always be forgotten:

P. The expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

T. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness:

P. His countenance beholdeth the upright.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Now the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover: and when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child, Jesus, tarried behind in Jerusalem: and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance: and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him.

And, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all, that heard him, were astonished at his understanding and answers.

And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee, sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying, which he spake unto them. And he went down with them to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: But his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

To us a Child of hope is born,
  To us a Son is given:
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
  Him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
  For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
  The great and mighty Lord.

His power, increasing, still shall spread;
  His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
  And peace abound below.

To us a Child of hope is born,
  To us a Son is given,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
  The mighty Lord of heaven.

¶

When the morning paints the skies,
When the stars of evening rise,
We thy praises will record,
Sovereign Ruler, mighty Lord!

Decks the spring with flowers the field?
Harvest rich doth autumn yield?
Giver of all good below!
Lord, from thee these blessings flow.

Sovereign Ruler! mighty Lord!
We thy praises will record:
Giver of these blessings! we
Pour the grateful song to thee.

IV.

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thy head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory shall she deliver unto thee.

¶

Teacher. Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy place?

Pupils. He, that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

T. He, that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

P. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoreth them, that fear the Lord.

T. He, that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent.

P. He, that doeth these things, shall never be moved.

T. Preserve me, O Lord, for in thee do I put my trust.

P. Their sorrows shall be multiplied, that hasten after another God.

T. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance:

P. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.

T. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel:

P. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

T. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope:

P. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell:

T. Neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

P. Thou wilt show me the path of life:

T. In thy presence is fullness of joy:

P. & *T.* At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

¶

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus, answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up

straightway out of the water; and lo! the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo! a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he, of whom I said, After me cometh a man, who is preferred before me; for he was before me. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not; but he, that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he, which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw and bare record, that this is the Son of God.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they left their nets and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw other two brethren, James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in a ship with their father, mending their nets. And he called them, and they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame spread throughout all Syria, and there followed him great multitudes of people.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Thy name, Almighty Lord!
  Shall sound through distant lands:
Great is thy grace, and sure thy word;
  Thy truth forever stands.

Far be thine honor spread,
  And long thy praise endure,
Till morning light and evening shade
  Shall be exchanged no more.

¶

Who, O Lord! when life is o'er,
Shall to heaven's blest mansion soar?
Who, an ever-welcome guest,
In thy holy place shall rest?

He, whose heart thy goodness warms;
He, whose will to thine conforms;
He, who shuns the sinner's road,
Loving those, who love their God.

He, who, thus, with heart unstained,
Treads the path by thee ordained,
He, O God! shall be thy care,
And thy choicest blessings share.

V.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear to my sayings: Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thy heart; for they are life unto those, that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

¶

Teacher. The heavens declare the glory of God:

Pupils. And the firmament showeth his handywork.

T. Day unto day uttereth speech:

P. And night unto night showeth knowledge.

T. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

P. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

T. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:

P. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

T. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

P. The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

T. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:

P. The judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

T. More to be desired are they than gold:

P. Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

T. Moreover, by them is thy servant warned:

P. And in keeping of them there is great reward.

T. Who can understand his errors?

P. Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

T. Keep back thy servant, also, from presumptuous sins:

P. Let them not have dominion over me.

T. & *P.* Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

¶

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles: — Simon (whom he also named Peter), and Andrew, his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James, the son of Alpheus, and Simon (called Zelotes); and Judas,

the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which was also the traitor.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: — Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they, that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they, which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they, which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets, which were before you.

Ye are the light of the world. A city, that is set on a hill, cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Blest are the humble souls, that see
Their emptiness and poverty;
Treasures of grace to them are given,
And crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Blest are the meek, who stand afar
From rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state,
And plead their cause against the great.

Blest are the souls, that thirst for grace,
Hunger and long for righteousness;
They shall be well supplied, and fed
With living streams and living bread.

Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean
From the defiling power of sin;
With endless pleasure they shall see
A God of spotless purity.

Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of growing strife;
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,
The sons of God — the God of peace.

Blest are the sufferers, who partake
Of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord;
Glory and joy are their reward.

VI.

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be many.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men: For the way of the wicked is as darkness; but the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

¶

Teacher. Hear the right, O Lord! attend to my cry:

Pupils. Give ear to my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

T. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence:

P. Let thine eyes behold the things, that are equal.

T. Thou hast possessed my heart; thou hast visited me in the night:

P. Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

T. By the word of thy lips, I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer:

P. Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not:

T. I have called upon thee, O God; incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech:

P. Show thy marvelous loving-kindness, O Thou, that savest, by thy right hand, them, that put their trust in thee.

T. Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings;

P. From the wicked, that oppress me; from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

T. Arise, O Lord! deliver my soul from the wicked:

P. From men of the world, which have their portion in this life.

T. As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness:

P. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil: For, verily, I say unto you, Till heaven and earth shall pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of the least of these commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill,

shall be in danger of the judgement. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgement; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Thou fool! shall be in danger of hell-fire.

Swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

Give to him, that asketh thee, and from him, that would borrow of thee, turn not thou away.

Love your enemies; bless them, that curse you; do good to them, that hate you; and pray for them, which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father, which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

As every day, thy mercy spares,
Will bring its trials or its cares,
O Father! till my life shall end,
Be thou my counselor and friend;
Teach me thy statutes all divine,
And let thy will be always mine.

When each day's scenes and labors close,
And wearied nature seeks repose,
With pardoning mercy richly blest,
Guard me, my Father! while I rest:
And as each morning sun shall rise,
O lead me onward to the skies!

And at my life's last setting sun,
My conflicts o'er, my labors done,
Father! thy heavenly radiance shed,
To cheer and bless my dying bed;
And from death's gloom my spirit raise,
To see thy face, and sing thy praise.

¶

O help us, Lord! each hour of need,
  Thy heavenly succor give;
Help us in thought, and word, and deed,
  Each hour on earth we live.

O help us, Father! from on high;
  We know no help but thee;
O help us so to live and die,
  As thine in heaven to be.

VII.

My son, attend to my instruction, and bow thine ear to mine understanding.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard! consider her ways and be wise, — which, having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest.

How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard! when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep! Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one, that traveleth, and thy want as an armed man.

¶

Teacher. The Lord is my Shepherd;

Pupils. I shall not want.

T. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

P. He leadeth me beside the still waters.

T. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

P. For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

T. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

P. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

T. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

P. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

T. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof:

P. The world, and they that dwell therein.

T. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it on the floods.

P. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

T. Who shall stand in his holy place?

P. He, that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

T. Who hath not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully:

P. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord; and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father, which is in heaven. And when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father, which is in secret, and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves

treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them: Are ye not much better than they?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, will he not much more clothe you? O ye of little faith!

Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye, first, the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Lo, my Shepherd's hand divine!
Want shall never more be mine:
In a pasture, fair and large,
He shall feed his happy charge.

When I faint with summer's heat,
He shall lead my weary feet
To the streams, that, still and slow,
Through the verdant meadows flow.

He my soul anew shall frame,
And, his mercy to proclaim,
When through devious paths I stray,
Teach my steps the better way.

Safe the dreary vale I tread,
By the shades of death o'erspread,
With thy rod and staff supplied—
This my guard, and that my guide.

Thou my plenteous board hast spread,
Thou with oil refreshed my head:
Filled by thee my cup o'erflows;
For thy love no limit knows.

Constant, to my latest end,
Thou my footsteps shalt attend,
And shalt bid thy hallowed dome
Yield me an eternal home.

VIII.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.

A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivereth from death.

The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to perish; but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

¶

Teacher. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Pupil. O, my God! I trust in thee; let none, that wait on thee be ashamed.

T. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me:

P. For thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day.

T. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness:

P. Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions; remember me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

T. Good and upright is the Lord:

P. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

T. The meek will he guide in judgement, and the meek will he teach his way.

P. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

T. What man is he, that feareth the Lord?

P. Him shall he teach in the way, that he shall choose.

T. His soul shall dwell at ease, and his seed shall inherit the earth.

P. The secret of the Lord is with them, that fear him, and he will show them his covenant.

T. O keep my soul and deliver me:

P. Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.

T. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me:

P. For I wait upon thee.

¶

Judge not that ye be not judged; for with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

And why beholdest thou the mote, that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam, that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye. Thou hypocrite! first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one, that asketh, receiveth; and he, that

seeketh, findeth; and to him, that knocketh, it shall be opened.

What man is there of you, who, if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or, if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father, which is in heaven, give good things to them, that ask him?

Therefore, all things, whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be, who go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets: By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit; a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit: Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire.

Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. And every one, that

heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

Show me, O Lord! thy sacred way;
Thy truths to me relate;
For thou art God, whom I obey;
On thee I daily wait.

Remember not, in anger, Lord,
The errors of my youth;
But let thy mercy help afford,
According to thy truth.

O keep my soul, and set me free;
Preserve me, Lord, from shame;
For I have placed my hope in thee,
And trusted in thy name.

IX.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

He, that walketh uprightly, walketh surely; but he, that perverteth his ways, shall be known. In the lips of him, that hath understanding, wisdom is found; but a rod is for the back of him, that is void of understanding.

¶

Teacher. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Pupils. The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

T. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

P. For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his pavilion.

T. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; have mercy upon me, and answer me.

P. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

T. Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

P. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

T. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path:

P. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living:

T. Wait on the Lord:

P. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart.

T. Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplication.

P. The Lord is my strength and my shield.

T. My heart trusted in him, and I am helped:

P. Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

T. Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty! give unto the Lord glory and strength.

P. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

T. The voice of the Lord is powerful:

P. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

T. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire:

P. The Lord shaketh the wilderness: the Lord sitteth upon the flood.

T. Yea, the Lord sitteth king for ever:

P. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

¶

When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And there came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put

forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith, I will come and heal him.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed: For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said unto them, that followed, Verily, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And Jesus said to the centurion, Go thy way; and, as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever; and he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose and ministered unto them.

When the even was come, they brought unto him many, that were possessed with devils, and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all, that were sick.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven. &c.

¶

Soon as I heard my Father say,
"Ye children, seek my grace,"
My heart replied without delay,
"I'll seek my Father's face."

Should friends and kindred, near and dear,
Leave me to want or die,
My God will make my life his care,
And all my need supply.

My fainting flesh had died with grief,
Had not my soul believed
To see thy grace provide relief;
Nor was my hope deceived.

Wait on the Lord, ye trembling saints,
And keep your courage up:
He'll raise your spirit when it faints,
And far exceed your hope.

¶

God is my strong salvation;
What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation,
My light, my help, is near:
Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance;
My soul, with courage wait;
His truth be thine affiance,
When faint and desolate:
His might thy heart shall strengthen,
His love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen;
The Lord will give thee peace.

X.

THE righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he, that winneth souls, is wise.

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge; but he, that hateth reproof, is brutish.

A good man obtaineth favor of the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will be condemned.

¶

Teacher. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:

Pupils. Let me never be ashamed.

T. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily:

P. Be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

T. For thou art my rock and my fortress:

P. Therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.

T. Into thy hand I commit my spirit:

P. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

T. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:

P. For thou hast considered my trouble: thou hast known my soul in adversities.

T. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

P. My life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing.

T. My strength faileth, because of my iniquity:

P. But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.

T. My times are in thy hand:

P. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies.

T. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:

P. Save me for thy mercy's sake.

T. O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them, that fear thee!

P. Which thou hast wrought for them, that trust in thee, before the sons of men!

T. O love the Lord, all ye his saints:

P. For the Lord preserveth the faithful.

T. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his:

P. And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

T. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life:

P. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

¶

And one of the Pharisees desired Jesus that he would eat with him; and he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

And behold a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster-box of ointment, and stood at his feet, behind him, weeping;

and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head; and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee, which had bidden him, saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who, and what manner of woman, this is, that toucheth him; for she is a sinner.

And Jesus said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. [And he said,] There was a certain creditor, which had two debtors; the one owed five hundred pence, and the other, fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

And he turned to the woman, and said to Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house; thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss; but this woman, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint; but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is given, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

And they, that sat at meat with him, began to say

within themselves, Who is this, that forgiveth sins, also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

When the vale of death appears,
Faint and cold this mortal clay,
O my Father! soothe my fears,
Light me through this darksome way:
Break the shadows,
Usher in eternal day.

Starting from this dying state,
Upward bid my soul aspire;
Open thou the crystal gate;
To thy praise attune my lyre:
Dwell forever,
Dwell on each immortal wire.

From the sparkling turrets there,
Oft I'll trace my pilgrim way,
Often bless thy guardian care,
Fire by night, and cloud by day;
While my triumphs
At my Leader's feet I lay.

¶

Your harps, ye trembling saints!
Down from the willows take:
Loud, to the praise of love divine,
Bid every string awake.

Blest is the man, O God!
That stays himself on thee:
Who waits for thy salvation, Lord,
Shall thy salvation see.

XI.

A WISE son heareth his father's instruction; but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Good understanding giveth favor; but the way of transgressors is hard.

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge, but a fool layeth open his folly.

¶

Teacher. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:

Pupils. For praise is comely for the upright.

T. For the word of the Lord is right;

P. And all his works are done in truth.

T. He loveth righteousness and judgement:

P. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

T. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:

P. And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

T. Let all the earth fear the Lord;

P. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

T. Blessed is the nation, whose God is the Lord.

P. And the people, whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.

T. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them, that fear him; upon them, that hope in his mercy:

P. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

T. Our soul waiteth for the Lord:

P. He is our help and our shield.

T. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

P. Let thy mercy, O Lord! be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

And certain of the Scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. Who can forgive sins but God alone?

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee? or to say, Rise up and walk? But, that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thy house.

And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that, whereon he lay, and departed to his

own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and filled with fear, and glorified God, which had given such power to men.

And as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

When Jesus heard that, he said to them, They, that be whole, need not a physician, but they, that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, —I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion towards them, and he healed their sick.

And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves bread.

But Jesus said, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me.

And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and, looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

And they did all eat, and were filled. And they

took up of the fragments, that remained, twelve baskets full. And they, that had eaten, were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

When I can read my title clear
  To mansions in the skies,
I bid farewell to every fear,
  And wipe my weeping eyes.

Let cares, like a wild deluge, come,
  And storms of sorrow fall;
May I but safely reach my home,
  My God, my heaven, my all.

There shall I bathe my weary soul
  In seas of heavenly rest,
And not a wave of trouble roll
  Across my peaceful breast.

XII.

He, that walketh with wise men, shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Evil pursueth sinners; but to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge. The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way; but the folly of fools is deceit.

Fools make a mock at sin; but among the righteous there is favor. A wise man feareth and departeth from evil; but the fool rageth and is confident.

¶

Teacher. I will bless the Lord at all times:

Pupils. His praise shall be continually in my mouth.

T. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:

P. The humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

T. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

P. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

T. The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles:

P. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them, that fear him, and delivereth them.

T. O taste, and see that the Lord is good:

P. Blessed is the man, that trusteth in him.

T. O fear the Lord, ye his saints:

P. For there is no want to them, that fear him.

T. Come, ye children, hearken to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P. What man is he, that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

T. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from guile:

P. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

T. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous:

P. And his ears are open to their cry.

T. The Lord is nigh unto them, that are of a broken heart:

P. And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

T. Many are the afflictions of the righteous:

P. But the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

T. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants:

P. And none of them, that trust in him, shall be desolate.

¶

Behold, there came a certain ruler, (named Jairus,) and worshiped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples.

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people, making a noise, he said, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith, be it unto you. And their eyes were opened.

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel, and healing every sickness, and every disease among the people.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Behold, the blind their sight receive!
Behold, the dead awake and live!
The dumb speak wonders! and the lame
Leap like the hart, and bless his name!

Thus doth the eternal Spirit own
And seal the mission of his Son;
The Father vindicates his cause,
While he hangs bleeding on the cross.

He dies! the heavens in mourning stood;
He rises! and appears with God:
Behold the Lord, ascending high,
No more to bleed, no more to die!

Hence and for ever from my heart
I bid my doubts and fears depart;
And to those hands my soul resign,
Which bear credentials so divine.

XIII.

He, that despiseth his neighbor, sinneth; but he, that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. He, that oppresseth the poor, reproacheth his Maker; but he, that honoreth him, hath mercy on the poor.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

¶

Teacher. Thy mercy, O Lord! is in the heavens:

Pupils. And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

T. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgements are a great deep:

P. O Lord! thou preservest man and beast.

T. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God!

P. Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

T. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house:

P. And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

T. For with thee is the fountain of life:

P. In thy light, shall we see light.

T. O continue thy loving-kindness unto them, that know thee:

P. And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth, by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; and commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only: no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse; but be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter a house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily, I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah, in the day of judgement, than for that city.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye, therefore, wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.

Fear not them, which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him, which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will

I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven: But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in heaven.

He, that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he, that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me: And he, that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He, that receiveth you, receiveth me; and he, that receiveth me, receiveth Him, that sent me. And whosoever shall give to drink, unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Above the heaven's created rounds,
  Thy mercies, Lord! extend;
Thy truth outlives the narrow bounds
  Where time and nature end.

Thy justice shall maintain its throne,
  Though mountains melt away;
Thy judgements are a world unknown,
  A deep, unfathomed sea.

Though all created light decay,
  And death close up our eyes,
Thy presence makes eternal day,
  Where clouds can never rise.

XIV.

A SOFT answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Better is a little, with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

He, that refuseth instruction, despiseth his own soul; but he, that heareth reproof, getteth understanding. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.

¶

Teacher. God is our refuge and strength:

Pupils. A very present help in time of trouble.

T. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed:

P. Though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

T. O clap your hands, all ye people:

P. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

T. For the Lord most high is terrible:

P. He is a great King over all the earth.

T. God reigneth over the heathen:

P. God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

T. This God is our God for ever and ever:

P. He will be our guide even unto death.

T. The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken:

P. And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

T. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:

P. A fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

T. He shall call to the heavens from above:

P. And to the earth, that he may judge his people.

T. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness:

P. For God is judge himself.

T. Offer unto God thanksgiving:

P. And pay thy vows unto the Most High.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And when Jesus had made an end of commanding his disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. And he went into a city, called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier:

and they, that bare him, stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise! And he, that was dead, sat up, and began to speak; and he delivered him to his mother.

Now when John had heard, in the prison, the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he, that should come, or do we look for another?

Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things, which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them: And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

At that time, Jesus said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he, to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Come, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come and make my paths your choice:
I will guide you to your home;
Weary pilgrim, hither come!

Ye, who, tossed on beds of pain,
Seek for ease, but seek in vain;
Ye, whose swollen and sleepless eyes
Watch to see the morning rise:

Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,
In remorse for guilt who mourn,
Here repose your heavy care:
A wounded spirit who can bear?

Sinner, come! for here is found
Balm that flows for every wound;
Peace that ever shall endure,
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

¶

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
  Zion, city of our God!
He, whose word cannot be broken,
  Formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
  What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
  Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
  Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
  And all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
  Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord, the Giver,
  Never fails from age to age.

XV.

THE way of the Lord is strength to the upright; but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die for want of wisdom.

The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot.

¶

Teacher. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is:

Pupils. That I may know how frail I am.

T. Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee:

P. Verily, every man, at his best state, is altogether vanity.

T. Surely, every man walketh in a vain show:

P. Surely, they are disquieted in vain.

T. He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them:

P. And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee.

T. Deliver me from all my transgressions:

P. Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thy hand.

T. When thou with rebukes dost correct man

for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:

P. Surely every man is vanity.

T. Withhold not thy tender mercies from me, O Lord!

P. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

T. Let all those, that seek thee, rejoice and be glad in thee:

P. Let such, as love thy salvation, say continually, The Lord be magnified.

¶

And it came to pass, that Jesus went through the corn-fields, on the Sabbath-day, and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that, which is not lawful to do, on the Sabbath-days?

And Jesus, answering, said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungered, and they, which were with him; how he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shew-bread, and gave also to them, that were with him, which is not lawful to eat, but for the priests alone?

And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore, the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught; and there was a man there, who had a withered hand.

And the Scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath-day; that they might accuse him.

And he saith to the man, which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath-days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? but they held their peace.

And when he had looked round about on them, with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored, whole as the other.

And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Ye Christian heroes! go, proclaim
Salvation in Emanuel's name:
To distant climes the tidings bear,
And plant the Rose of Sharon there.

He'll shield you with a wall of fire;
With holy zeal your hearts inspire;
Bid raging winds their fury cease,
And calm the savage breast to peace.

XVI.

THE thoughts of the righteous are right, but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

A man shall be commended according to his wisdom; but he, that is of a perverse heart, shall be despised.

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but they, that deal truly, are his delight.

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

¶

Teacher. Have mercy upon me, O God! according to thy loving-kindness:

Pupils. According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

T. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:

P. And cleanse me from my sin.

T. For I acknowledge my transgressions:

P. And my sin is ever before me.

T. Hide thy face from my sins:

P. And blot out all mine iniquities.

T. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

P. And renew a right spirit within me.

T. Cast me not away from thy presence:

P. And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

T. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:

P. And uphold me with thy free Spirit.

T. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways:
P. And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
T. O Lord, open thou my lips:
P. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Then was brought unto Jesus one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils.

And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom, divided against itself, is brought to desolation; and every city or house, divided against itself, shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself: how shall then his kingdom stand? But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

How can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He, that is not with me, is against me, and he, that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad.

A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth good things; and an evil man, out of

the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word, that men speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement.

While he yet talked to the people, behold his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then said one unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

But he answered, and said unto him, that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father, which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Forth from the dark and stormy sky,
Lord, to thine altar's shade we fly;
Forth from the world, its hope and fear,
Father, we seek thy shelter here:
Weary and weak, thy grace we pray:
Turn not, O Lord! thy guests away!

Long have we roamed in want and pain;
Long have we sought thy rest in vain;
Wildered in doubt, in darkness lost,
Long have our souls been tempest-tost:
Low at thy feet our sins we lay;
Turn not, O Lord! thy guests away!

XVII.

My son, give me thy heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. Buy the truth, and sell it not. Apply thy heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.

¶

Teacher. Praise waiteth for thee, O God! in Zion:

Pupils. And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

T. O Thou, that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

P. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

T. Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts:

P. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

T. By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation:

P. Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth:

T. Which, by his strength, setteth fast the mountains:

P. Which stilleth the noise of the seas, and the tumult of the people.

T. They, that dwell in the uttermost parts, are afraid at thy tokens:

P. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice.

T. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it:

P. Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

T. Thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it:

P. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof.

T. Thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof:

P. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea-side: And great multitudes were gathered unto him, so that he went into a ship and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

And he spake many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way-side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forth-

with they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth; and when the sun was up, they were scorched; and, because they had not root, they withered away: And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them: But others fell upon good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundred-fold, some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold.

And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. Hear ye, therefore, the parable of the sower.

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that, which was sown in his heart: This is he, which receiveth seed by the way-side.

But he, that received the seed into stony places, the same is he, that heareth the word, and, anon, with joy receiveth it; yet, hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation, or persecution, ariseth, because of the word, by and by he is offended.

He, also, that received seed among the thorns, is he, that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he, that receiveth seed into the good ground, is he, that heareth the word, and understandeth it;

which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

Be it my only wisdom, here,
To serve the Lord with filial fear,
With loving gratitude:
Superior sense may I display,
By shunning every evil way,
And walking in the good.

O may I still from sin depart!
A wise and understanding heart,
Father, to me be given!
And let me, through thy Spirit, know
To glorify my God below,
And find my way to heaven.

XVIII.

By humility and the fear of the Lord, are riches, and honor, and life. Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked, for there shall be no reward to the evil man.

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better is it to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

¶

Teacher. Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation:

Pupils. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

T. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name;

P. And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

T. O remember not against us former iniquities:

P. Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low.

T. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him:

P. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

T. In God is my salvation and my glory:

P. The rock of my strength and my refuge is in God.

T. Trust in him at all times:

P. Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

T. Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery.

P. If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

T. God hath spoken once;

P. Twice have I heard this,—That power belongeth unto God.

T. Also, unto thee, O Lord! belongeth mercy:

P. For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man, which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence, then, hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou, then, that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the

tares, ye root up, also, the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and, in the time of harvest, I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy, that sowed them, is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As, therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of the world: The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things, that offend, and them, which do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

The angel comes, prepared to reap
The harvest of the Lord!
O'er all the earth, with fatal sweep,
Wide waves his flaming sword.

O King of mercy! grant us power
  Thy fiery wrath to flee!
In thy destroying angel's hour,
  O gather us to thee!

¶

O God! my inmost soul convert,
And deeply, on my thoughtful heart,
  Eternal things impress;
Give me to feel their solemn weight,
And tremble on the brink of fate,
  And wake to righteousness.

Before me place, in dread array,
The pomp of that tremendous day,
  When thou with clouds shalt come
To judge the nations at thy bar;
And tell me, Lord, shall I be there
  To meet a joyful doom?

Be this my one great business here,
With serious industry and fear
  Eternal bliss to insure;
Thine utmost counsel to fulfil,
And suffer all thy righteous will,
  And to the end endure.

Then, Father, then my soul receive,
Transported from this vale, to live
  And reign with thee above;
Where faith is sweetly lost in sight,
And hope in full, supreme delight,
  And everlasting love.

XIX.

He, that getteth wisdom, loveth his own soul: He, that keepeth understanding, shall find good. The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he, that hath it, shall abide satisfied: he shall not be visited with evil.

The sluggard will not plough, by reason of cold; therefore, he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing. The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness. Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

¶

Teacher. Give ear to my prayer, O God:

Pupils. And hide not thyself from my supplication.

T. Attend unto me and hear me:

P. Be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee.

T. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:

P. My soul thirsteth for thee, to see thy power and thy glory.

T. Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee:

P. Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name.

T. My soul shall be satisfied, and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

P. When I remember thee on my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

T. Because thou hast been my help:

P. Therefore, in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

T. My soul followeth hard after thee:

P. Thy right hand upholdeth me.

T. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:

P. And let thy glory be above all the earth.

T. My heart is fixed, O God:

P. I will sing and give praise.

T. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people:

P. I will sing unto thee among the nations.

T. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens:

P. And thy truth unto the clouds.

T. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:

P. Let thy glory be above all the earth.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou?

And he, answering, said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; This do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

And Jesus, answering, said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And, by chance, there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side: And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came near where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now, of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor to him, that fell among the thieves? And he said, He, that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus to him, Go, and do thou likewise.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

My God, permit my tongue
  This joy, to call thee mine;
And let my early cries prevail
  To taste thy love divine.

For life without thy love
  No relish can afford;
No joy can be compared to this,
  To serve and please the Lord.

In wakeful hours of night,
  I call my God to mind;
I think how wise thy counsels are,
  And all thy dealings kind.

Since thou hast been my help,
  To thee my spirit flies,
And on thy watchful providence
  My cheerful hope relies.

The shadow of thy wings
  My soul in safety keeps:
I follow where my Father leads,
  And he supports my steps.

¶

Happy is he, that fears the Lord,
  And follows his commands;
Who lends the poor without reward,
  Or gives with liberal hands.

His works of piety and love
  Remain before the Lord:
Honor on earth, and joys above,
  Shall be his sure reward.

XX.

Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern:

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it.

¶

Teacher. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:

Pupils. Let me never be put to confusion.

T. Deliver me in thy righteousness:

P. Incline thine ear unto me and save me.

T. For thou art my hope, O Lord God:

P. Thou art my trust from my youth.

T. Cast me not off in the time of old age:

P. Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

T. My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness, and thy salvation all the day:

P. For I know not the numbers thereof.

T. I will go in the strength of the Lord God:

P. I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

T. My lips shall greatly rejoice, when I sing unto thee :

P. And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

T. My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long :

P. For they are confounded and brought to shame, that seek my hurt.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good :

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say to his disciples, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy : For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed, neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore, whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness, shall be heard in the light, and that, which ye have spoken in the ear in closets, shall be proclaimed on the house-tops.

And I say unto you, My friends, be not afraid of them, that kill the body, and, after that, have no more, that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear : Fear him, which, after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell : Yea, I say unto you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God ? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore ; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Also, I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. But he, that denieth me before men, shall be denied before the angels of God.

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge, or a divider, over you?

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things, which he possesseth.

And he spake a parable to them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods: And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up in store for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool! this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he, that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Remember thy Creator,
  While Youth's fair spring is bright,
Before thy cares are greater,
  Before comes Age's night;
While yet the sun shines o'er thee,
  While stars the darkness cheer,
While life is all before thee,
  Thy great Creator fear.

Remember thy Creator,
  Ere life resigns its trust,
Ere sinks dissolving nature,
  And dust returns to dust;
Before with God, who gave it,
  The spirit shall appear:
He cries, who died to save it,
  "The great Creator fear."

¶

My Savior, my almighty Friend,
  When I begin thy praise,
Where will the growing numbers end,
  The numbers of thy grace?

Thou art my everlasting trust;
  Thy goodness I adore:
And since I knew thy graces first,
  I speak thy glories more.

Awake, awake, my tuneful powers!
  With this delightful song,
I'll entertain the darkest hours,
  Nor think the season long.

XXI.

Be not envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them; for their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

Rejoice not, when thine enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad, when he stumbleth; lest the Lord see it, and it displease him.

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and, if he be thirsty, give him water to drink; for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.

¶

Teacher. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me:

Pupils. Preserve my soul; O thou my God, save thy servant, that trusteth in thee.

T. Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto thee daily:

P. Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

T. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive:

P. And plenteous in mercy to all them, that call upon thee.

T. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer:

P. And attend to the voice of my supplications.

T. Teach me thy way, O Lord:

P. I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

T. I will praise thee, O Lord, my God, with all my heart:

P. And I will glorify thy name for ever.

T. For great is thy mercy towards me:

P. And thou hast delivered my soul.

T. Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious; long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth:

P. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

T. Thou hast holden me by my right hand:

P. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

T. Whom have I in heaven, but thee?

P. And there is none upon earth, that I desire beside thee.

T. My flesh and my heart fail:

P. But God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

T. For lo! they, that are far from thee, shall perish:

P. Thou hast destroyed all them, that go astray from thee.

T. But it is good for me to draw near to God:

P. I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Then drew near to him all the publicans and sinners, to hear him. And the Pharisees and

Scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that, which is lost, till he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep, which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Or what woman, having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently, till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece, which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God, over one sinner, that repenteth.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

God, my supporter and my hope,
  My help forever near,
Thine arm of mercy held me up,
  When sinking in despair.

Thy counsels, Lord, shall guide my feet
  Through this dark wilderness;
Thine hand conduct me near thy seat,
  To dwell before thy face.

XXII.

I WENT by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and lo! it was all overgrown with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

Then I saw and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one, that traveleth, and thy want as an armed man.

¶

Teacher. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever:

Pupils. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

T. And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord:

P. Thy faithfulness, also, in the congregation of the saints.

T. For who, in the heaven, can be compared unto the Lord?

P. Who, among the sons of the mighty, can be likened unto the Lord?

T. God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of his saints:

P. And to be had in reverence of all them, that are about him.

T. O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord, like unto thee?

P. Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

T. Thou rulest the raging of the sea:

P. When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

T. The heavens are thine, and the earth also is thine:

P. As for the world, and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them.

T. The north and the south, thou hast created them:

P. Thou hast a mighty arm, and high is thy right hand.

T. Justice and judgement are the habitation of thy throne:

P. Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

T. Blessed is the people, that know the joyful sound:

P. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

T. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:

P. And in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

T. For the Lord is our defence:

P. And the Holy One of Israel is our king.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And he said, A certain man had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give

me the portion of goods, that falleth to me: And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine: And he would fain have filled himself with the husks, which the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough, and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father.

But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring hither the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this, my son, was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found: And they began to be merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he

came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing; and he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come, and thy father hath killed for him the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in; therefore came his father out, and entreated him.

And he, answering, said to his father, Lo! these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment; and yet, thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But, as soon as this, thy son, was come, who hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry and be glad; for this, thy brother, was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

XXIII.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Better is the poor, that walketh in his uprightness, than he, that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

He, that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Seest thou a man, that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool, than of him.

¶

Teacher. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place, through all generations:

Pupils. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

T. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

P. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

T. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:

P. In the morning, they are like grass, which groweth up.

T. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up:

P. In the evening, it is cut down, and withereth.

T. For we are consumed by thine anger:

P. And by thy wrath are we troubled.

T. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee:

P. Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

T. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:

P. We spend our years as a tale that is told.

T. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow:

P. For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

T. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom:

P. O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

There was a certain man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar, named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs, which fell from the rich man's table: Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried, and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou, in thy life-time, receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they, which would pass from hence to you, cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Then he said, I pray thee, therefore, Father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house; for I have there five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, Father Abraham, but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

Like shadows gliding o'er the plain,
  Or clouds that roll successive on,
Man's busy generations pass,
  And while we gaze, their forms are gone.

O Father! in whose mighty hand
  The boundless years and ages lie,
Teach us thy boon of life to prize,
  And use the moments as they fly;

To crowd the narrow span of life
  With wise designs and virtuous deeds:
So shall we wake from death's dark night,
  To share the glory that succeeds.

¶

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
  Pilgrim, through this barren land:
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
  Hold me with thy powerful hand:
      Bread of heaven,
  Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
  Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
  Lead me all my journey through:
      Strong Deliverer,
  Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
  Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current;
  Land me safe on Canaan's side:
      Songs of praises
  I will ever give to thee.

XXIV.

INCLINE your ear and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live. Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found; call upon him, while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

¶

Teacher. He, that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty:

Pupils. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

T. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence:

P. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust.

T. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night:

P. Nor for the arrow, that flieth by day.

T. Nor for the pestilence, that walketh in darkness:

P. Nor for the destruction, that wasteth at noonday.

T. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand:

P. But it shall not come nigh thee: Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the wicked.

T. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation:

P. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

T. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways:

P. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

T. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:

P. The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

T. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:

P. I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

T. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:

P. I will be with him in trouble.

T. I will deliver him and honor him:

P. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

¶

And Jesus spake this parable unto certain, which trusted in themselves, that they were righteous, and despised others:

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: God, I thank thee, that I am not, as other men are, extortioners, unjust,

adulterers, or even as this publican: I fast twice in the week, and give tithes of all, that I possess.

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner! I tell you, This man went down to his house, justified, rather than the other: For every one, that exalteth himself, shall be abased; and he, that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

Then were brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein: And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

And there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not kill: Do not steal: Do not bear false witness: Defraud not: Honor thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

Then Jesus, beholding him, loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the

cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked round about him, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they, that have riches, enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Upward I lift mine eyes;
From God is all my aid;
The God that built the skies,
And earth and nature made:
God is the tower | His grace is nigh
To which I fly; | In every hour.

No burning heats by day,
Nor blasts of evening air,
Shall take my health away,
If God be with me there:
Thou art my sun, | To guard my head,
And thou my shade, | By night or noon.

Hast thou not given thy word,
To save my soul from death?
And I can trust my Lord,
To keep my mortal breath:
I'll go and come, | Till from on high
Nor fear to die, | Thou call me home.

XXV.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely it shall be well with them, that fear God: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow: because he feareth not God.

¶

Teacher. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O thou Most High:

Pupils. To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

T. The Lord reigneth; he is clothed with majesty:

P. The Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

T. The world is established, that it cannot be moved:

P. Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

T. Thy testimonies are very sure.

P. Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

T. O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

P. Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

T. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

P. And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

T. For the Lord is a great God:

P. And a great King above all gods.

T. In his hand are the deep places of the earth:

P. The strength of the hills is his also.

T. The sea is his, and he made it:

P. And his hands formed the dry land.

T. O come, let us worship and bow down:

P. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

T. For he is our God:

P. And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And Jesus took Peter, and John, and James, and went up into a mountain to pray; and as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered; his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias, who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease, which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Then Peter said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and, behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is lunatic and sore vexed: for, oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water; and I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil, and he departed out of him, and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child to him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven: And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones, which believe in me, it

were better for him, that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that, in heaven, their angels do always behold the face of my Father, which is in heaven.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Great God! how infinite art thou!
  How frail and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
  And pay their praise to thee.

Thy throne eternal ages stood,
  Ere seas or stars were made:
Thou art the ever-living God,
  Were all the nations dead.

Eternity, with all its years,
  Stands present in thy view;
To thee there's nothing old appears;
  Great God! there's nothing new.

Our lives through varying scenes are drawn,
  And vexed with trifling cares,
While thine eternal thought moves on
  Thine undisturbed affairs.

Great God! how infinite art thou!
  How frail and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
  And pay their praise to thee.

XXVI.

A GOOD name is better than precious ointment: Sorrow is better than laughter, for, by the sadness of the countenance, the heart is made better.

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with them; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Wo to the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

¶

Teacher. O sing unto the Lord a new song:

Pupils. Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

T. Sing unto the Lord, and bless his name:

P. Show forth his salvation from day to day.

T. Declare his glory among the heathen:

P. His wonders among all people.

T. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised:

P. He is to be feared above all gods.

T. Honor and majesty are before him:

P. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

T. Give unto the Lord glory and strength:

P. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.

T. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

P. Fear before him, all the earth.

T. Say among the heathen, that the Lord reigneth:

P. He shall judge the people righteously.

T. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:

P. Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof.

T. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:

P. Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord:

T. For he cometh to judge the earth:

P. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

T. Clouds and darkness are round about him:

P. Righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his throne.

T. Ye, that love the Lord, hate evil:

P. He preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

T. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart:

P. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

¶

Then came Peter to Jesus, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, till seven times, but until seventy times seven.

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take an account of his servants: And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But, forasmuch as he had not to pay, his

lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

The servant, therefore, fell down and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant had compassion on him, and forgave him the debt.

But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him a hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that, which thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not, but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told their lord all, that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said to him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldst not thou, also, have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all, that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Joy to the world! the Lord is come!
  Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare him room,
  And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns!
  Let men their songs employ;
While fields, and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
  Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
  Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
  As far as sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
  And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
  And wonders of his love.

¶

Father of all! whose tender care
  Does every want supply,
To thee I pour the fervent prayer,
  And raise the filial eye.

Save me alike from foolish pride,
  And impious discontent,
At aught thy wisdom has denied,
  Or aught thy goodness lent.

Teach me to feel another's wo,
  To hide the faults I see;
The mercy, I to others show,
  That mercy show to me.

XXVII.

Fret not thyself, because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity: For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

¶

Teacher. O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things:

Pupils. His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

T. The Lord hath made known his salvation:

P. His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

T. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth towards us:

P. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

T. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool:

P. For the Lord our God is holy.

T. Serve the Lord with gladness:

P. Come before his presence with singing.

T. Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves:

P. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

T. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

P. Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

T. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting:

P. And his truth endureth to all generations.

T. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee:

P. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble.

T. O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:

P. Thy years are throughout all generations.

T. Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth:

P. And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

T. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure:

P. Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment.

T. As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

P. But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

¶

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man, that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard: And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and what-

soever is right, I will give you: And they went their way. And he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

And about the eleventh hour, he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

So, when the even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

And when they came, that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they, likewise, received, every man, a penny.

And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that, which is thine, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

So the last shall be first, and the first, last: for many be called, but few chosen.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

Thou, Lord, hast earth's foundations laid;
The heavens, a glorious frame,
By thine almighty hand were spread,
And speak their Maker's name.

Their shining glories all shall fade,
By thy controlling power,
Changed like a vesture when decayed;
But thou shalt still endure.

Thy bright perfections, all divine,
Eternal as thy days,
Through everlasting ages shine,
With undiminished rays.

Thy servant's children, still thy care,
Shall own their father's God;
To latest times thy favor share,
And spread thy praise abroad.

XXVIII.

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be many:

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men; for the way of the wicked is as darkness: But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

¶

Teacher. Bless the Lord, O my soul:

Pupils. And all, that is within me, bless his holy name.

T. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

P. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities:

T. Who healeth all thy diseases:

P. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction:

T. Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies:

P. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed, like the eagle's.

T. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement for all, that are oppressed:

P. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

T. He will not always chide:

P. Neither will he keep his anger for ever.

T. He hath not dealt with us after our sins:

P. Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

T. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy towards them that fear him:

P. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

T. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them, that fear him:

P. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

T. As for man, his days are as grass:

P. As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

T. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone:

P. And the place thereof shall know it no more.

T. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, upon them, that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children:

P. To such as keep his covenant, and to those, that remember his commandments to do them.

¶

And Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles, to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho: And behold, there was a man, named Zaccheus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was

rich. And he sought to see Jesus, who he was; and could not, for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for, to-day, I must abide at thy house: And he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, that he was gone to be guest with a man, that is a sinner.

And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man, by false accusation, I restore him four-fold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that, which was lost.

And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go your way into the village, over against you; and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat: loose him and bring him hither. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye, that the Lord hath need of him. And they went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

And as they were loosing the colt, the owners

thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed them in the way. And they, that went before, and they, that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna! blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And some of the Pharisees said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you, that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Almighty Ruler of the skies,
  Through the wide earth thy name is spread;
And thine eternal glories rise
  O'er all the heavens thy hands have made.

To thee the voices of the young
  A monument of honor raise;
And babes, with uninstructed tongue,
  Declare the wonders of thy praise.

Children amidst thy temple throng
  To see their great Redeemer's face;
The Son of David is their song,
  And young hosannas fill the place.

XXIX.

Blessed is the man, that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

He shall be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away: For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

¶

Teacher. Bless the Lord, O my soul:

Pupils. O Lord, my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

T. Who coverest thyself with light, as with a garment:

P. Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

T. Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:

P. Who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

T. Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

P. Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

T. He watereth the hills from his chambers:

P. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man.

T. He appointeth the moon for seasons:

P. The sun knoweth his going down.

T. Thou makest darkness and it is night:

P. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

T. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens:

P. Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labor until the evening.

T. O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

P. In wisdom hast thou made them all.

T. The earth is full of thy riches:

P. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

T. These all wait upon thee:

P. That thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

T. That, which thou givest them, they gather:

P. Thou openest thine hand; they are filled with good.

T. Thou hidest thy face; they are troubled:

P. Thou takest away their breath; they die, and return to their dust.

T. Thou sendest forth thy spirit; they are created:

P. And thou renewest the face of the earth.

T. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever:

P. The Lord shall rejoice in his works.

T. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:

P. I will sing praise to my God, while I have my being.

T. My meditation of him shall be sweet:

P. I will be glad in the Lord.

T. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be consumed:

P. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.

T. & *P.* Praise ye the Lord.

¶

Then began Jesus to speak to the people this parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a wine-press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did unto them likewise. But last of all, he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard to other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

And the chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people; for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Awake, my soul, to hymns of praise;
To God the song of triumph raise;
Adorned with majesty divine,
What pomp, what glory, Lord, are thine!

Light forms his robe, and round his head
The heavens their ample curtain spread;
See on the wind's expanded wings
The chariot of the King of kings!

Around him, ranged in awful state,
Dark, silent storms attendant wait,
And thunders, ready to fulfil
The mandates of his sovereign will.

From earth's low margin to the skies,
He bids the dusky vapors rise;
Then, from his magazines on high,
Commands the imprisoned winds to fly.

The lightning's pallid sheet expands,
And showers descend on furrowed lands;
Whilst, down the mountain's channeled side,
The torrent rolls in swelling pride.

Thus clouds, and storms, and fires obey
Thy wise and all-controling sway;
And whilst thy terrors round us stand,
We see a Father's bounteous hand.

XXX.

The hope of the ungodly is like dust, that is blown away by the wind; like the smoke, which is dispersed here and there by a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest, that tarrieth but a day.

But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High: therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for, with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

¶

Teacher. O that men would praise the Lord, for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Pupils. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright.

T. The works of the Lord are great:

P. Sought out of all them, that have pleasure in them.

T. His work is honorable and glorious:

P. And his righteousness endureth for ever.

T. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:

P. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

T. He hath given meat unto them, that fear him:

P. He will be ever mindful of his covenant.

T. The works of his hands are verity and judgement:

P. All his commandments are sure.

T. They stand for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness:

P. He sent redemption unto his people.

T. He hath commanded his covenant for ever:

P. Holy and reverend is his name.

T. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:

P. A good understanding have all they, that do his commandments.

T. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens:

P. And his kingdom ruleth over all.

T. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength:

P. That do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

T. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts:

P. Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

T. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion:

P. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

¶

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom: And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They, that were foolish, took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And, at midnight, there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out.

But the wise answered, saying, Not so: lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them, that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they, that were ready, went in with him to the marriage; And the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not.

Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour, wherein the Son of man cometh.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

My soul! be on thy guard;
  Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard,
  To draw thee from the skies.

O watch, and fight, and pray:
  The battle ne'er give o'er:
Renew it, boldly, every day,
  And help divine implore.

XXXI.

Delight thyself in the Lord, and he will give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgement as the noon-day.

¶

Teacher. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Pupils. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

T. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for in that do I delight.

P. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

T. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken thou me in thy way.

P. Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

T. Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?

P. By taking heed thereto, according to thy word.

T. With my whole heart have I sought thee:

P. O let me not wander from thy commandments.

T. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word:

P. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

T. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:

P. So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

T. Remove from me the way of lying, and grant me thy law graciously.

P. I have chosen the way of truth; thy judgements have I laid before me.

T. I have adhered unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

P. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

The kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

After a long time, the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he, that had received five talents, came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents; behold, I have gained besides them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler

over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

He, also, that had received two talents, came, and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two other talents besides them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Then he, which had received the one talent, came, and said, Lord, I knew thee, that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo! there thou hast that, which is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant; thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then, at my coming, I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him, which hath ten talents. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into utter darkness: There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

O that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

XXXII.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those, that wait upon the Lord, shall inherit the earth.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¶

Teacher. Thou art my portion, O Lord:

Pupils. I have said that I would keep thy words.

T. I entreated thy favor with my whole heart:

P. Be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

T. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies:

P. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts; quicken me in thy righteousness.

T. I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law:

P. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgements.

T. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy:

P. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word.

T. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:

P. Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

T. Let thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word:

P. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.

T. Let those, that fear thee, turn unto me, and those, that have known thy testimonies:

P. Let my heart be sound in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

And, being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman, having an alabaster box of ointment, very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

And there were some, that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good: but me ye have not

always. She hath done what she could; she is come aforehand to anoint my body for the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached, throughout the whole world, this also, that she hath done, shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And, from that time, he sought opportunity to betray him.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Thou art my portion, O my God!
  Soon as I know thy way,
My heart makes haste to obey thy word,
  And suffers no delay.

I choose the path of heavenly truth,
  And glory in my choice;
Not all the treasures of the earth
  Could make me so rejoice.

To thee, before the dawning light,
  My gracious God! I pray;
I meditate thy name by night,
  And keep thy law by day.

When midnight darkness veils the skies,
  I call thy works to mind;
My thoughts in warm devotion rise,
  And sweet acceptance find.

XXXIII.

A LITTLE, that a righteous man hath, is better than the riches of many wicked: For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

¶

Teacher. For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven:

Pupils. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.

T. Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth:

P. They continue this day, according to thy ordinances; for all are thy servants.

T. Unless thy law had been my delight, I should have perished in mine affliction:

P. I will never forget thy precepts, for with them hast thou quickened me.

T. O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

P. Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

T. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path:

P. Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will offering of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgements.

T. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart:

P. I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always, even to the end.

T. Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word:

P. Uphold me, according unto thy word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

The first day of the feast of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou mayest eat the passover?

And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: Follow him: And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: And they made ready the passover.

And in the evening, he cometh with the twelve: And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily, I say

unto you, one of you, which eateth with me, shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him, one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him; but wo to that man, by whom he is betrayed! Good were it for that man, if he had never been born.

And he said unto them, With desire, I have desired to eat this passover with you, before I suffer; for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you: This do in remembrance of me. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins.

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Bread of heaven! on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever let our souls be fed
With this true and living bread!

Vine of heaven! thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord! thy wounds our healing give:
To thy cross we look and live.

XXXIV.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

The Lord loveth judgement, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein for ever.

¶

Teacher. Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgements:

Pupils. Thy testimonies, that thou hast commanded, are righteous and very faithful.

T. Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, O Lord, and for the word of thy righteousness.

P. Deal with thy servant, according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

T. I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies:

P. Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them.

T. The entrance of thy words giveth light:

P. It giveth understanding to the simple.

T. Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those, that love thy name:

P. Order my steps in thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

T. Deliver me from the oppression of man; so will I keep thy precepts:

P. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.

T. Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it:

P. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth.

T. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:

P. Yet thy commandments are my delight.

T. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting:

P. Give me understanding, and I shall live.

¶

And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night. Peter answered, and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter answered and said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise, also, said all the disciples.

And they came to a place, called Gethsemane; and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he to them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh unto his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What! could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came again, and found them asleep, for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold he is at hand, that doth betray me.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

My dear Redeemer, and my Lord,
I read my duty in thy word:
But in thy life the law appears,
Drawn out in living characters.

Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal,
Such deference to thy Father's will,
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe, and make them mine.

Cold mountains, and the midnight air,
Witnessed the fervor of thy prayer;
The desert thy temptations knew,
Thy conflict, and thy victory too.

Be thou my pattern; may I bear
More of thy gracious image here;
Then God, the Judge, shall own my name
Amongst the followers of the Lamb.

XXXV.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgement. The law of God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him: The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land.

¶

Teacher. Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications;

Pupils. In thy faithfulness, answer me, and in thy righteousness.

T. And enter not into judgement with thy servant:

P. For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

T. Hear me, speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth:

P. Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them, that go down into the pit.

T. Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust:

P. Cause me to know the way, wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

T. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:

P. Thy spirit is good: lead me into the land of uprightness.

T. Hear my voice, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness:

P. O Lord, quicken me, according to thy judgement.

T. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever:

P. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me; for I do not forget thy law.

T. Plead my cause and deliver me; quicken me, according to thy word:

P. Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord; quicken me, according to thy judgements.

T. Thy word is true from the beginning:

P. And every one of thy righteous judgements endureth for ever.

¶

While Jesus yet spake, lo! Judas, one of the twelve, came, and, with him, a great multitude, with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Now, he, that betrayed him, gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master! and kissed him. But Jesus said to him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? And they laid their hands on him, and took him: Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

And they, that laid hold on Jesus, led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him, afar off, unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

And a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee: But he denied before them

all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them, that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth: And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

And after a while came unto him they, that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them, for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

God is love: his mercy brightens
All the path, in which we rove;
Bliss he wakes, and wo he lightens:
God is wisdom, God is love.

Chance and change are busy ever;
Man decays and ages move;
But his mercy waneth never:
God is wisdom, God is love.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth,
Will his changeless goodness prove:
From the gloom his brightness streameth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above:
Every where his glory shineth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

XXXVI.

I HAVE seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay-tree: Yet he passed away, and lo! he was not: Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

The transgressors shall be destroyed together; but the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is their strength in the time of trouble: And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.

¶

Teacher. Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord:

Pupils. Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

T. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

P. But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

T. I wait for the Lord; my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope:

P. My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they, that watch for the morning.

T. With the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

P. Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

T. My soul hath kept thy testimonies, and I love them exceedingly:

P. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies, for all my ways are before thee.

T. Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord; give me understanding, according to thy word:

P. Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me, according to thy word.

T. My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes:

P. My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness.

T. Let thy hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

P. I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

T. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee:

P. Let thy judgements help me, for I do not forget thy commandments.

¶

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, the governor. And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

And as soon as Pilate knew that Jesus belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was himself at Jerusalem at that time: And when

Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him, and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod, with his men of war, set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, and the rulers, and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one, that perverteth the people; and behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man, touching those things, whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod; for I sent you to him; and lo! nothing worthy of death is done unto him: I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

Now, at that feast, the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas; who, for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. And they cried out, all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas. Pilate, therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them: But they cried, saying, Crucify him! Crucify him! And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

And they were urgent with loud voices, requiring

that he might be crucified: And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed; and Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him, that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

My God, permit me not to be
A stranger to myself and thee:
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,
Forgetful of my highest love.

Why should my passions mix with earth,
And thus debase my heavenly birth?
Why should I cleave to things below,
And let my God, my Savior, go?

Call me away from flesh and sense:
One sovereign word can draw me thence:
I would obey the voice divine,
And all inferior joys resign.

Be earth, with all her scenes, withdrawn;
Let noise and vanity be gone:
In secret silence of the mind,
My heaven, and there my God, I find.

XXXVII.

Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live. Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found; call upon him, while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

¶

Teacher. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help:

Pupils. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

T. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He, that keepeth thee, will not slumber:

P. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

T. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night:

P. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

T. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

P. Lord, I cry unto thee; let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense.

T. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:

P. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works, with men, that work iniquity.

T. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil men, which imagine mischief in their hearts:

P. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked.

T. Thou art my God; hear the voice of my supplication, O Lord;

P. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

And as they led Jesus away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him, to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding: And the rulers, also, with them, derided him, saying, He

saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription was written over him, in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

And one of the malefactors, which were hanged, railed on him, saying, If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us. But the other rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we, indeed, justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth, till the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Now when the even was come, Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counselor, which also himself was Jesus's disciple, and waited for the kingdom of God, went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, and wherein never man before was laid. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

And the women, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

"'Tis finished!" so the Savior cried,
And meekly bowed his head and died:
"'Tis finished!" yes, the race is run,
The battle fought, the victory won.

"'Tis finished!" all that heaven foretold
By prophets in the days of old;
And truths are opened to our view,
That kings and prophets never knew.

"'Tis finished!" Son of God, thy power
Hath triumphed in this awful hour;
And yet our eyes with sorrow see
That life to us was death to thee.

XXXVIII.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction.

But they are in peace: for though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality: And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded; for God hath proved them, and found them worthy for himself. And they shall judge the nations, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

¶

Teacher. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou, who dwellest in the heavens:

Pupils. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

T. It is of the Lord's mercies, that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

P. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

T. The Lord is my portion; therefore will I hope in him:

P. The Lord is good to them, that wait for him; to the soul, that seeketh him.

T. While I live, will I praise the Lord:

P. I will sing praises to my God, while I have any being.

T. Happy is he, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

P. Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:

T. Who keepeth truth for ever:

P. Who executeth judgement for the oppressed.

T. The Lord looseth the prisoners: The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind:

P. The Lord raiseth them, that are bowed down:

T. The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and the widow:

P. But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

T. The Lord taketh pleasure in his people; he will beautify the meek with salvation.

P. Let the saints be joyful in glory; let the high praises of God be in their mouth.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre, at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was

rolled away. And, entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man, sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail! And they held him by the feet, and worshiped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid. Go tell my brethren, that they go into Galilee: there shall they see me. And they told all these things unto the eleven, and to the rest, and their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

After that, he appeared unto two of them as they walked, and went into the country: And they went and told it unto the residue; neither believed they them.

Afterward, he appeared to the eleven, as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them, which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He, that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved: but he, that believeth not, shall be damned.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany; and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And while they looked steadfastly towards heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Morning breaks upon the tomb!
Jesus dissipates its gloom!
Day of triumph through the skies!
See the glorious Savior rise!

Christians, dry your flowing tears;
Chase those unbelieving fears;
Look on his deserted grave;
Doubt no more his power to save.

Ye, who are of death afraid,
Triumph in the scattered shade;
Drive your anxious fears away;
See the place where Jesus lay.

So the rising sun appears,
Shedding radiance o'er the spheres;
So returning beams of light
Chase the terrors of the night.

XXXIX.

Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away: She is the breath of the power of God, and a pure influence, flowing from the breath of the Almighty: She is the brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror of the power of God, and the image of his goodness.

Honorable age is not that, which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years: But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age.

¶

Teacher. I will extol thee, my God, O King, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever:

Pupils. Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

T. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

P. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

T. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works:

P. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

T. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

P. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

T. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works:

P. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee.

T. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power:

P. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

T. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

P. The Lord upholdeth all, that fall, and raiseth up all, that be bowed down.

T. The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season:

P. Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

T. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works:

P. The Lord is nigh unto all them, that call upon him; to all, that call upon him in truth.

T. He will fulfil the desire of them, that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them:

P. The Lord preserveth all them, that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy.

T. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

P. And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

¶

Now, if Christ be preached, that he rose from the

dead, how say some, that there is no resurrection of the dead? But, if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And, if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith also is vain: ye are yet in your sins.

But now is Christ risen, and become the first fruits of them, that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead: For, as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power: For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy, that shall be destroyed, is death.

Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised, incorruptible, and we shall be changed: For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying, that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory! The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

This life 's a dream, an empty show;
But the bright world, to which I go,
Hath joys substantial and sincere;
When shall I wake and find me there?

O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God!
And flesh and sin no more control
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Savior's image rise.

¶

There is a glorious world on high,
  Resplendent with eternal day;
Faith views the blissful prospect nigh,
  While God's own word reveals the way.

There shall the favorites of the Lord
  With never-fading lustre shine;
Surprising honor, vast reward,
  Conferred on man by love divine!

How blest are those, how truly wise,
  Who learn and keep the sacred road!
Happy the man whom Heaven employs
  To turn rebellious hearts to God.

XL.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

Many of them, that sleep in the dust of the earth, shall awake: some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they, that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they, that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

¶

Teacher. O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me:

Pupils. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

T. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

P. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo! O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

T. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me:

P. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high: I cannot attain unto it.

T. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

P. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

T. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

P. Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

T. If I say, Surely, the darkness shall cover me:

P. Even the night shall be light about me.

T. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:

P. The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

T. I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

P. Marvelous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

T. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

P. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand.

T. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts:

P. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

¶

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the

kingdom prepared for you, from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

AMEN.

¶

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

¶

Praise, O praise the name divine;
Praise him at the hallowed shrine;
Let the firmament on high
To its Maker's praise reply.

All, who vital breath enjoy,
In his praise that breath employ,
And in one great chorus join:
Praise, O praise the name divine

SUPPLEMENTARY EXERCISES.

XLI.

HEARKEN to me, ye, that seek the Lord. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they, that dwell therein, shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished, — *saith the Lord.*

¶

Teacher. Blessed are the undefiled in the way:

Pupils. Who walk in the law of the Lord.

T. Blessed are they, that keep his testimonies:

P. And that seek him with the whole heart.

T. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes:

P. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

T. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart:

P. When I shall have learned thy righteous judgements.

T. I will keep thy statutes:

P. O forsake me not utterly.

T. I will never forget thy precepts:
P. For with them thou hast quickened me.
T. How sweet are thy words unto my taste!
P. Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
T. Through thy precepts I get understanding:
P. Therefore I hate every false way.
T. Deal with thy servant according to thy mercy:
P. I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.
T. Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word:
P. Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will offerings of my mouth, O Lord!
T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Master, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: For no man can do these miracles, that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That, which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that, which is born of the spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He, that believeth on him, is not condemned; but he, that believeth not, is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one, that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved: But he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

XLII.

The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom: The fear of the Lord driveth away sins; and, where it is present, it turneth away wrath. Ye that fear the Lord, believe him, and your reward shall not fail: For the Lord is full of compassion, and mercy, and long-suffering: He forgiveth sins, and saveth in the time of affliction.

¶

Teacher. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name.

Pupils. Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

T. Remember his marvelous works, that he hath done:

P. His wonders, and the judgements of his mouth.

T. He is the Lord our God:

P. His judgements are in all the earth.

T. He hath remembered his covenant for ever:

P. The word, which he commanded, to a thousand generations.

T. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?

P. Who can show forth all his praise?

T. Blessed are they, that keep judgement, and he, that doeth righteousness at all times.

P. Remember me, O Lord, with the favor, that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit me with thy salvation.

T. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly:

P. Save us, O Lord our God, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

T. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

P. For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

T. He poureth contempt upon princes:

P. Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction.

T. The righteous shall see it, and rejoice, and all iniquity shall stop her mouth:

P. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

¶

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man, which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him, that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. He went his way, therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbors, therefore, and they, which before had seen him,

that he was blind, said, Is not this he, that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man, that is called Jesus, made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then they said unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the Sabbath-day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him, that had received his sight And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them, and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: but by what means he now seeth, we know not: or who hath opened his eyes, we know not; He is of age: ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that, if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

Then again asked they the man, that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said,

Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not. One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: Wherefore would ye hear it again? Will ye also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple: but we are Moses's disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out: and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he, that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshiped him.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

O, happy is the man, who hears
  Instruction's faithful voice;
And who celestial wisdom makes
  His early, only choice!

Wisdom has treasures greater far
  Than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
  Than is the gain of gold.

XLIII.

THUS saith the Lord, that created thee; Fear not, for I have redeemed thee. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One, thy Savior.

¶

Teacher. O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee.

Pupils. Let my prayer come before thee; incline thine ear unto my cry.

T. For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

P. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.

T. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

P. Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee?

T. Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? thy faithfulness in destruction?

P. Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

T. O God, thou knowest my foolishness, and my sins are not hidden from thee.

P. O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, hear me; in the truth of thy salvation.

T. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is good:

P. Turn unto me, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

T. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:

P. Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

T. I will praise the name of God:

P. And will magnify him with thanksgiving.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. Therefore his sister sent unto Jesus, saying, Lord, he, whom thou lovest, is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus: when he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that he saith to his disciples, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth: but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit, Jesus spoke of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them, plainly, Lazarus is dead: and I am glad, for your sakes, that I was not

there, to the intent ye may believe: Nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had lain in the grave four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem; and many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him, but Mary sat still in the house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died: but I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection, at the last day. Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he, that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord; I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. The Jews, which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave, to weep there.

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping, which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said some of the Jews, Behold, how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him, that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he is offensive, for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me: and I know that thou hearest me always: but because of the people, which stand by, I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! And he, that was dead, came forth, bound hand and foot, with grave clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Then many of the Jews, which came to Mary, and had seen the things, which Jesus did, believed on him.

But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told what things Jesus had done. Then, from that day forth, they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but went thence into a country near to the wilderness, and there continued with his disciples.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

I will extol thee, Lord, on high;
At thy command diseases fly:
Who, but a God, can speak, and save
From the dark borders of the grave?

Sing to the Lord, ye saints of his,
And tell how large his goodness is;
Let all your powers rejoice and bless,
While you record his holiness.

His anger but a moment stays;
His love is life and length of days:
Though grief and tears the night employ,
The morning star restores the joy.

¶

There is a land of pure delight,
  Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
  And pleasures banish pain.

Sweet fields, beyond the swelling flood,
  Stand dressed in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
  While Jordan rolled between.

XLIV.

THE salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall keep them and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

¶

Teacher. O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good:

Pupils. Because his mercy endureth for ever.

T. Let them, now, that fear the Lord, say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

P. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

T. It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man:

P. It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in princes.

T. The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation:

P. The Lord hath chastened me sore, but he hath not given me over unto death.

T. I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplication:

P. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

T. The sorrows of death compassed me; I found trouble and sorrow.

P. Then called I upon the name of the Lord. O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

T. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:

P. Yea, and God is merciful.

T. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?

P. I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

T. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee:

P. Thou art my God, and I will exalt thee.

T. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:

P. For his mercy endureth for ever.

¶

Then Jesus, six days before the passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper, and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them, that sat at the table with him.

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped them with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you: but me ye have not always.

On the next day, much people, that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm-trees, and went

forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! blessed is the King of Israel, that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Jesus cried and said, He, that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on Him that sent me: And he, that seeth me, seeth Him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He, that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father, which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak; And I know that his commandment is life everlasting.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Know, my soul, thy full salvation;
  Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find, in every station,
  Something still to do or bear:
Think what spirit dwells within thee;
  Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think what Jesus did to win thee:
  Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
  Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day 's before thee;
  God's own hand shall guide thee there:
Soon shall close thy earthly mission;
  Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
  Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

XLV.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee, so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thy heart to understanding; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

¶

Teacher. O Thou, that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come:

Pupils. All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing to thy name.

T. Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed:

P. Let not those, that seek thee, be confounded.

T. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is good:

P. Turn unto me, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

T. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin:

P. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

T. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

P. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

T. Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest and causest to approach unto thee:

P. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

T. He, that is our God, is the God of salvation:

P. And unto God the Lord belong the issues of death.

T. Let the heaven and earth praise him:

P. The sea, and every thing, that moveth therein.

T. Blessed be the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things:

P. Blessed be his glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

¶

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come, that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own, which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

And supper being ended, Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God and went to God, he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments, and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash his disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel, wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter; and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus saith unto him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

So, after he had washed their feet, and had taken

his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and, as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And, if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Blest Instructer! from thy ways
Who can tell how oft he strays?
Purge me from the guilt, that lies
Wrapped within my heart's disguise.

Let my tongue, from error free,
Speak the words approved by thee;
To thy all-observing eyes
Let my thoughts, accepted, rise.

While I thus thy name adore,
And thy healing grace implore,
Blest Redeemer! bow thine ear;
God, my strength! propitious hear.

XLVI.

Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto knowledge: for it is a pleasant thing, if thou keep them within thee. Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious of the wicked; for there shall be no reward to the evil man.

¶

Teacher. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Pupils. Let thy glory be above all the earth.

T. Be merciful unto me, O God, for my soul trusteth in thee.

P. In the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge.

T. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity:

P. Save me from bloody men, that lie in wait for my soul.

T. My soul cleaveth unto the dust:

P. Quicken thou me according to thy word.

T. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:

P. So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

T. Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity:

P. Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

T. It is good for me, that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes:

P. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

T. Uphold me, according unto thy word, that I may live:

P. And let me not be ashamed of my hope.

T. Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe:

P. And I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

T. My heart is fixed, O God; I will sing and give praise:

P. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

T. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:

P. Let thy glory be above all the earth.

¶

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work, which thou gavest me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory, which I had with thee, before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men, which thou gavest me out of the world: Thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them,

and have known, surely, that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep, through thine own name, those, whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Sanctify them through thy truth: Thy word is truth.

Neither pray I for these alone; but for them, also, which shall believe on me through their word: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they, also, may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory, which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Father, I will that they, also, whom thou hast given me, be with me, where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me: and I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love, wherewith thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I in them.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings;
  Thy better portion trace;
Rise, from transitory things,
  Towards heaven, thy native place.
Sun, and moon, and stars decay;
  Time shall soon this earth remove;
Rise, my soul, and haste away
  To seats prepared above.

Rivers to the ocean run,
  Nor stay in all their course;
Fire, ascending, seeks the sun;
  Both speed them to their source.
So a soul that's born of God,
  Pants to view his glorious face;
Upward tends to his abode,
  To rest in his embrace.

¶

To thee, my God and Savior,
  My heart, exulting, sings,
Rejoicing in thy favor,
  Almighty King of kings:
I'll celebrate thy glory,
  With all thy saints above,
And tell the joyful story
  Of thy redeeming love.

Soon as the morn with roses
  Bedecks the dewy east,
And when the sun reposes
  Upon the ocean's breast,
My voice in supplication,
  Well pleased, thou then shalt hear:
O grant me thy salvation,
  And to my soul draw near.

XLVII.

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet, surely, it shall be well with them, that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he feareth not God.

God is jealous, and the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries. The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and will not acquit the wicked. The Lord is good; a strong hold in the day of trouble: and he knoweth them, that put their trust in him.

¶

Teacher. Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God:

Pupils. For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

T. Great is the Lord our God, and of great power:

P. His understanding is infinite.

T. He healeth the broken heart, and bindeth up their wounds:

P. The Lord lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

T. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens, which cry:

P. The Lord taketh pleasure in them, that fear him; in those, that hope in his mercy.

T. The Lord taketh pleasure in his people:

P. He will beautify the meek with salvation.

T. Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplication:

P. In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

T. And enter not into judgement with thy servant:

P. For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

T. Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning:

P. For in thee do I trust.

T. Cause me to know the way, wherein I should walk:

P. For I lift up my soul unto thee.

T. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God:

P. Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

¶

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth, with his disciples, over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas, also, which betrayed him, knew the place, for Jesus oft-times resorted thither with his disciples.

Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns, and torches, and weapons. Then the band, and the captain, and the officers of the Jews, took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas, first; and Annas sent him bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest.

The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake

openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them, which heard me, what I have said unto them: Behold, they know what I said.

And one of the officers, which stood by, struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou me? Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgement.

Pilate then went out to them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then Pilate said unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.

Then Pilate entered into the judgement-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the king of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee unto me. What hast thou done?

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Pilate said unto him, Art thou a king, then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one,

that is of the truth, heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom that I should release unto you one at the passover: Will ye therefore that I release unto you the king of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Beset with snares on every hand,
In life's uncertain path I stand;
Savior divine, diffuse thy light,
To guide my doubtful footsteps right.

Engage this roving, treacherous heart
Wisely to choose the better part,
To scorn the trifles of a day,
For joys, that none can take away.

Then let the wildest storms arise,
Let tempests mingle earth and skies,
No fatal shipwreck shall I fear,
But all my treasures with me bear.

If thou, my Savior, still be nigh,
Cheerful I live, and joyful die;
Secure, when mortal comforts flee,
To find ten thousand worlds in thee.

XLVIII.

He, that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

¶

Teacher. I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me and heard my cry:

Pupils. Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.

T. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord:

P. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

T. For innumerable evils have compassed me about:

P. My iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up.

T. They are more than the hairs of my head:

P. Therefore my heart faileth me.

T. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:

P. O Lord, make haste to help me.

T. Let all those, that seek thee, rejoice and be glad in thee:

P. Let such, as love thy salvation, say continually, The Lord be magnified.

T. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:

P. When shall I come and appear before God?

T. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

P. Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

T. I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness:

P. And will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

¶

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, king of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe: and Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him; for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

Pilate went again into the judgement-hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? but Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not, that I have power to

crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power against me, except it were given thee from above.

From thenceforth Pilate sought to release him; but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cesar's friend. When Pilate heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgement-seat, and saith unto the Jews, Behold your king! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him! Crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king, but Cesar.

Then delivered he him unto them, to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place, called Golgotha, where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross: and the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour, that disciple took her unto his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were accomplished, saith, I thirst. And they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he

said, It is finished: And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. And one of the soldiers, with a spear, pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea (being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews) besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him leave. He came, therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, (which at first came to Jesus by night,) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes, with the spices.

Now in the place where he was crucified, there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus, because of the Jews' preparation-day, for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

"'Tis finished," our Immanuel cries;
  The dreadful work is done;
Hence shall his sovereign throne arise;
  His kingdom is begun.

His cross a sure foundation laid
  For glory and renown,
When through the regions of the dead
  He passed to reach the crown.

XLIX.

THE Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save: neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

Blessed is the man, that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Unto the upright there ariseth light in darkness: The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

¶

Teacher. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore:

Pupils. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name be praised.

T. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens:

P. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high?

T. Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth.

P. He shall spare the poor and needy, and precious shall be their blood in his sight.

T. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance:

P. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel.

T. I have set the Lord always before me:

P. Because he is at my right hand, I shall never be moved.

T. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:

P. My flesh also shall rest in hope.

T. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell:

P. Neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

T. Thou wilt show me the path of life:

P. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

T. Lift up your heads, O ye gates:

P. And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

T. Who is the King of glory?

P. The Lord of hosts; He is the King of glory.

¶

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene, early, while it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. And as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had said this, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus, standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary! She turned herself, and saith unto him, Master!

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God. Mary came and told the disciples, that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Then the same day, at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples, therefore, said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days, again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God! Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: Blessed are they, that have not seen, and yet have believed.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

Yes, the Redeemer rose;
The Savior left the dead,
And o'er our hellish foes
High raised his conquering head:
In wild dismay, | Fell to the ground,
The guards around | And sank away.

Lo! the angelic bands
In full assembly meet,
To wait his high commands,
And worship at his feet:
Joyful they come, | From realms of day
And wing their way | To such a tomb.

Then back to heaven they fly,
And the glad tidings bear:
Hark! as they soar on high,
What music fills the air!
Their anthems say, | Hath left the dead,
"Jesus, who bled, | He rose to-day."

Ye mortals, catch the sound,
Redeemed by him from hell,
And send the echo round
The globe, on which you dwell;
Transported cry, | Hath left the dead,
"Jesus, who bled, | No more to die."

L.

Ye, that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of his saints, he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.

¶

Teacher. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:
Pupils. Praise him in the heights.
T. Praise him, all his angels:
P. Praise ye him, all his hosts.
T. Praise him, sun and moon:
P. Praise him, all ye stars of light.
T. Praise him, ye heaven of heavens:
P. And ye waters, that be above the heavens.
T. Let them praise the name of the Lord:
P. For he commanded, and they were created.
T. He hath also established them for ever and ever.
P. He hath made a decree, which shall not pass.
T. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
P. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy winds, fulfilling his word:
T. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
P. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

T. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

P. Both young men and maidens, old men and children:

T. Let them praise the name of the Lord:

P. For his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

¶

After these things, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples, at the Sea of Tiberias.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again, the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him, the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved, because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? and he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, when hou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had thus spoken, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple, whom Jesus loved, following; (which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he, that betrayeth thee?) Peter, seeing him, saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.

¶

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

The voice at midnight came;
He started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell, but felt no fear.

The pains of death are past;
Labor and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done;
Praise be thy new employ;
And, while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's joy.

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